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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU'S WAIKIKI PARADE LIMIT BILL EXPECTED TO PASS TODAY**

This morning, the Honolulu City Council is expected to pass on final reading Bill 84 (2004), introduced by Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu), limiting the number of street closures and parades in Waikiki.

“Although Waikiki certainly welcomes parades, and even the occasional protest, we need to strike a reasonable balance between those who want to use Waikiki’s streets as a parade ground and those who want to use Waikiki streets as a street. I am excited about this new legislation that will limit the growing number of street closures and parades in Waikiki. Unlike any other community in Hawaii, Waikiki currently averages one street closure a week with over 60 street closures expected this year. Upon enactment, my bill will now limit the number of Waikiki street closures to 39 per year,” stated Councilmember Djou.

Councilmember Djou’s bill will limit the number of street closures in Waikiki to: (a) 14 grand-fathered “legacy” parades that have gone on in Waikiki for at least 15 consecutive years; (b) an additional 15 street closures for all other parades; and (c) 10 additional mayoral exemptions, for a total of no more than 39 street closures in a year. In 2005, Waikiki experienced 58 street closures for parades, athletic events, protest marches and similar activities. For 2006, Waikiki is on track to deal with over 60 street closures. Upon passage, Djou’s bill will take effect on January 1, 2007. Djou’s bill is the culmination of nearly two years of work with Waikiki residents, business owners, hotels, and two different mayoral administrations.

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